

Harold T. Barrett-Home of the Bulldogs

SAC Minutes

Wednesday, September 22 , 2021
6:00pm (via zoom)

Regrets

- All present!

Introductions - Welcome to our new VP, Ms. Olsen!

Membership inventory

- Admin - Ivan, Donna
- School Staff - Paula
- Teachers - Lori, Melissa
- Parents - Micah, April, Jacqeline
- Community Members - Lisa
- Students - TBA

Offices

- We need another parent (ideally Kinsac or Woodbine). Ivan had two parents reach out to join...one from the Monarch area and another from Kinsac. He will send one more email to the community to try and find a parent from the Woodbine community and if there are no takers he will reach out to the parent from Kinsac.

Sports/Clubs

- Soccer is underway. Sports will go ahead if there is interest from the students and volunteers willing to coach. We are currently looking for boys and girls volleyball coaches.
- Lisa is going to contact HRM about having the soccer field mowed

SSP

- In addition to SSP, there will be a focus on grade 8 Math achievement, with special attention given to our students of indigineous and African descent. The staff has also been engaged in conversations and pd on student wellness and anti-black racism.

Class Caps

- Grade 7 English classes are over cap. They are currently at 31 and 32. Ivan mentioned that class sizes can be impacted by the number of students choosing English over Immersion and new enrollments over the summer.
- The grade 7 teachers were given a choice between keeping the classes over cap or making a combined 7/8 class. The teachers did not want to increase the size of the grade 8 classes and also have a combined, so they decided to stay with the larger grade 7 classes.
- Micah offered to contact the HRCE and/or draft a letter on behalf of the SAC.

Staffing

- We have positions in French Immersion, Grade 6 and Resource/Social Studies that are filled with long-term subs. The school has been able to find great substitutes but there are no guarantees that they will always be available. Administration will support the subs and give them what they need to be successful.

SAC Funding Requests

- Ivan noted that the school needs more Chromebooks. They are about \$350 each. This decision has been deferred to our next meeting.
- There was a request from the new grade 6 teacher to have money to purchase books for the classroom library. The SAC decided to give \$400 for Ms. Noddin & \$100 for everyone else who teaches English.
- April mentioned the idea of having the staff create a wish-list of things they could use to support students.

Next meeting date

- October 27th at 6:00pm. We will determine if the meeting will be virtual or in-person as the date gets closer.